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### NO VOTE IS NEGLIGIBLE.

Out of 5,834 votes cast in the Fourth District Congressional primary, the successful candidate led by but eight votes. So small a lead in so great a balloting implies in no way the validity of the victor's title but serves to good purpose in illustrating the real importance of a single vote. The eight men who spelled the difference in the result little dreamed of the significance and the decisiveness of their apparently small part in an election in which almost 6,000 men participated; the fact that the eight cannot be selected from the mass only emphasizes all the more vividly the importance of each vote. Doubtless there were voters for Turnbull and voters for Watson who considered their votes unimportant. There were doubtless many more than eight voters on both sides of the line who voted thoughtlessly, and after only a few moments consideration—men who did not inform themselves of the issues in the campaign or of the respective records of the candidates. There were doubtless many voters on both sides of the line who said to themselves "Oh, well, what's one vote, anyway?"

No vote is ever really worthless. No voter is unimportant. Such a result as that in the Fourth proves that a single vote may be of the utmost importance. If the men who forgot to register or to pay their poll taxes, and the men who stayed at home, and the men who went fishing had done their duty, the defeated candidate might have won or the successful one might have secured a greater majority. No criticism is here filed as to the outcome of the primary, and only an occasion for moralizing on a vital matter is seized. No vote is negligible. The political history of the nation contains many cases which were decided by a single vote. There is a story to the effect that that great Democrat, Samuel J. Tilden, was denied title to the Presidency of the United States in 1876 all because of one vote cast by an unknown voter in a Western State. Often a single ballot has changed the course of history or been the die cast by fate for or against the fortunes of famous men.

Every man who can vote ought to vote. The single voter may often wield as much power as a thousand voters. His responsibility is too great to be avoided. The thoughtlessly cast ballot may determine for better or for worse the common welfare of thousands.

### FAR-REACHING CHANGE OF FRONT.

The rule of reason, common sense and self-interest seems at last to have borne in on the mind of Spain, as regards Portugal and Morocco. Definite and practical evidence of the fact is afforded in this: Madrid has given formal pledge against harboring further bands of Portuguese royalists, and permitting Spanish border territory to become bases for revolutionary raids into Portugal, and has stopped cavilling in the Franco-Spanish Moroccan negotiations, over minor issues, involving Spanish pride, with the result of having come to terms with Paris respecting the spheres of influence and rights of the two nations in the land of the Moors. How it could so long have been otherwise is an anomaly of the law of self-preservation.

Spain's course in openly and contemptuously according asylums to armed enemies of and plotters against a friendly neighboring power was bringing her under a "world criticism," and detaching sympathy from her which was encouraging and stimulating dangerously her own revolutionary and republican elements. That appeared to be recognized in every European capital, save Madrid. Her quibbling in the Moroccan complication, which has lasted over a year, was seriously retarding French pacification of the French Moroccan protectorate, and threatening conditions that would eventuate in the reopening of the whole Moroccan question. Given that, what with German realization that the "Congo compensation" France conceded as the price of paramountcy in Morocco, is for the most part worthless for colonization purposes. It is easy to understand that both France and Spain might be grievously the losers. In the last analysis of the case, in Spanish co-operation with France touching Morocco, lies Spain's only assurance of holding on to her North African possession, which is about the last of her outlying domain.

Obviously Spain's change of her Portuguese and Moroccan policy, which is referred to in the cablegrams as sudden, is no less timely than wise. It cannot but mean much for her. It cannot but eliminate materially the menace to the monarchy consequent upon its being sandwiched between two republics, since in the matter of international comity it rehabilitates the

government in the eyes of the other powers, and regains for their moral support. It cannot, as bearing on the Moroccan phase of the matter, fail, it would seem clear, to culminate in a Franco-Spanish alliance, offensive and defensive, for the maintenance of French and Spanish overlordship in Morocco, against and to the exclusion of all comers.

But also it means much to Portugal and to France. It insures to the former a period of calm and of opportunity for internal recuperation, which alone can guarantee the perpetuity of the republic. By reason of the notice it serves on the wild, fanatical tribes of Morocco, heretofore encouraged to revolt by the friction between Madrid and Paris and by Spanish military inertia, it means a freer hand for France in concentrating her forces in the work of subjugation, and the saving vastly to her in lives and in treasure. More far-reaching still it portends a combination of powers in interest in the Mediterranean against Germany's ever gaining a foothold in the North African littoral and acquiring right to a voice in regulating the equilibrium in that quarter, as she sought to do in forcing the Algeiras conference. In these lights Spain's change of foreign policy—change of front—in point, is one of the most important and momentous happenings of the character in recent years. The ramification of the benefits cannot be overestimated as to extent or significance.

### ENLARGE PINE CAMP.

Whatever may be the final plan adopted for a city hospital, one admirable advance in caring for indigent tuberculous patients and safeguarding the general health of the community, can be made by enlarging and extending the usefulness of Pine Camp. The segregation of the tuberculous patients now being cared for in an isolated ward at the City Home is imperative whether a new hospital is built or present ones remodelled. These cases need particular attention under the most favorable conditions, and these conditions are best realized in a rural location, with plenty of fresh air and sunlight, free from dust and other irritants. Furthermore, the inmates of the City Home and those suffering from other diseases should not be exposed to the risk of infection with tuberculosis.

The Tuberculosis Camp Society has already made an excellent beginning at the sanatorium at Pine Camp. By co-operating with this organization and using the nucleus for enlargement thus offered, the city would secure an adequate solution of this problem. Especially would this furnish a means of caring for the negro consumptives who constitute a grave menace to the public health. Other municipalities have established such independent sanatoria, separate from the central hospitals and fully equipped for the treatment necessary for this disease. While Richmond is waiting to discover the best method for caring for her indigent sick, steps should be taken at once to settle this vital phase of the whole question.

### TELL BY HER TEETH.

Her teeth constitute a test of her suitability for wifehood. So says Dr. Jacob S. Wells, of Fargo, N. D., a delegate to the recent National Dentists' Convention at Washington. "Girls with pink-tinted teeth," he declared, "have a loving disposition, and will make good wives." Moreover, he advises young men to insist on having their sweetheart's teeth examined before marrying her. "Girls who have dull, chalky teeth are not prone to love and will not as a general thing make good wives." Girls of wily inclinations, the good doctor asserts, have the pink tint just below the gums; it is easily discerned upon close inspection. The color is in the enamel and not, as some dentists state, an overhanging of the gums. Dr. Wells thinks that it is well for a young man to have his intended's teeth examined before the final state is entered into. He says that he knew a young man who did this only to find that his sweetheart had chalky teeth and loved him for his money. "These are scientific facts," the doctor comments. The disposition of an individual can be determined from the formation of his teeth, he avers—square, white teeth indicates strong character and future distinction. The doctor may not be "kidding," but it looks very much as if he were a Bull Moose in disguise.

### REVIVE AUTOMOBILE ORDINANCE.

The Council should not wait for a new series of accidents to impress upon it once again the necessity for a more stringent regulation of automobile drivers in Richmond. The opportunity awaits for some vigilant representative to do an admirable public service by framing a carefully-planned and comprehensive measure calculated to reduce the chance of automobile accidents due to careless, incompetent and irresponsible driving. The law formulated and brought before the last Council failed of passage, not because it was not needed or did not have the hearty support of the great majority of citizens, but because it was permitted to die a lingering death through the efforts of a few members of the Council. At one meeting consideration of the measure as recommended by the Committee on Ordinance, Charter and Reform was postponed on the ground that it would be carefully dealt with at the last meeting of the retiring body. At this last meeting the point was raised in the same gentleman who secured postponement that since the measure involved an appropriation of more than \$100, it must be referred

to the Finance Committee. It was so referred, and since the Council did not meet again for business, this technicality killed an excellent ordinance. The people of Richmond are not content that a regulation so manifestly just and timely should never even come to a vote. They desire that their representatives consider the proposal and record their judgment for or against. The gist of the proposition is that automobile drivers be examined for their mental and physical fitness as a protection to all users of the streets. If passed the law would give the police an additional means of controlling speeding and other traffic evils arising in connection with automobiles. The Times-Dispatch trusts that the measure will be reintroduced and be dignified by consideration hitherto deviously denied it.

### TWO MORE YEARS OF BLEASE.

Cole Blease may now read his title clear to the Executive Mansion of South Carolina. His flapping jim-crower has had all doubt as to his election dusted off by the committee which investigated the baiting. On the evidence there was nothing to do but award him the contest, for the fraud shown was not substantial enough to overturn the original result. Moral certainty of vitating irregularities is not legal certainty of such a condition. What the end of Blease will be no man can foretell, but it is altogether possible that he may yet succeed Tillman in the United States Senate, a consummation not so inappropriate, since the Tillman movement brought Blease into prominence, and later into power. At any rate, the administration in South Carolina for the next two years will supply more and more lurid copy for the press, for Blease feels that his re-election is a triumphant popular ratification, and he will chart a course of amazing variety and sensation. Whatever of ill he may do, he has rendered South Carolina an invaluable service in awakening the better people of that State to the vital need of more schools, and better schools, for all the people. The pulpit and the forum and the press have not prevailed against Blease and Bleasism, but hope shines from the schoolhouse on the hill.

### NEGLECTING THE SENATORIAL END.

One thing seems to be lost sight of in the present national Democratic campaign in its relations to the States. Nobody seems to be paying much attention to the fact that there must be a gain of six Democratic members to insure a Democratic majority in the United States Senate. The directors of the Democratic campaign seem to be letting the senatorial end of the campaign go hang. In the only State where a senatorial seat has been decided, Maine, the Democrats lost, and that good old Maine Democrat, Obadiah Gardner, will have to give his desk back to a Republican. As far as we know, the campaign directors paid little, if any, heed to the necessity of returning a Democratic Senator from Maine. Apparently, the directors did not see it that the strongest available candidates were nominated for the Legislature by the Democrats.

It would be disastrous, indeed, if Wilson were elected President only to be confronted with a Republican Congress. A Republican majority of even one in the Senate would be enough to hold up progressive legislation and send the Democratic party back to the country unsuccessful in its attempt to fulfill the promises of its platform to the people. This fact the directors of the Democratic campaign seem to have overlooked, for, besides making no special effort to re-elect Senator Gardner, they permitted Governor Wilson to go through Illinois, where two Senators are to be elected, without saying a word as to the senatorial race, and they evidently are not going to send him into Colorado where two more Senators are to be elected, although the nominee is to go into the next door neighbor State of Nebraska.

The Democrats must not only hold what they have in the Senate, but must gain six Senators from the following States:

Colorado (2), Illinois (2), Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Wyoming.

More inspection of that list proves that the Democrats have no simple task in securing a majority in the Senate. The sooner it is gone about the safer for the Democrats.

Dr. Roosevelt Hkens Dr. Wilson to James Buchanan, but where's the old-fashioned man who knew who Buck was?

For a true lover of the horse, consult a man who has been knocked down by an automobile.

Dr. Woods Hutchinson says that a man does his best work between sixty and seventy. The heirs in the will usually drawn about that period agree with the Doc.

President Taft has not yet sent any of the members of his Cabinet on the stump. And yet some folks say he's no politician.

Here's hopin' the people of the Ninth will put on Ayers!

The International Mine Experiment Conference is in session at Pittsburgh, but it is not a convention of those who have experimented in mine stocks.

It is believed that Manover peas, with Goodland bacon, is the favorite dish of Woodrow Wilson.

### On the Spur of the Moment

By Roy K. Moulton

**Conclusions.**  
 When the world seems dark and gloomy  
 And you're feelin' mighty blue,  
 And you think that old dame Fortune  
 Has the Chinese curse on you,  
 It will bring a lot of comfort,  
 Though the pessimist may scoff,  
 To consider some poor fellow  
 Who's a hundred times worse off.

If your finances are droopin'  
 In a dismal sort of way,  
 And you owe some one five dollars  
 That you think you ought to pay,  
 While you may think you surely  
 Are the most forlorn of men,  
 You're exactly twice as well off  
 As the fellow that owes ten.

When your clothes are gettin' shabby  
 And your friends begin to think  
 That you've hit the steep toboggan  
 And you're surely on the blink,  
 When this summer you are wearin'  
 The same duds you wore last fall,  
 Just consider well the Zulus  
 Who don't have any clothes at all.

When you've got a jumpin' headache  
 And you think there ain't no chance  
 That you're going to live till morning,  
 And your nerves all seem to dance,  
 Just consider some poor fellow  
 With sciatic rheumatism,  
 Who's been laid up since last Christmas.

And compare your woe with his.  
 No use kickin' on your troubles,  
 You can't dodge 'em and I guess  
 That, while everybody has 'em,  
 Some have more and some have less.  
 You can just defy dame Fortune  
 And her vaunted Chinese curse,  
 For no matter what happens,  
 It might be a whole lot worse.

**Personal.**  
 Sylvia Bird:—You say that you sent a love story to a New York magazine nearly a week ago, and have not yet received a check for it; also that you are very anxious. Our advice is not to begin to worry until about one year after you send the story. In the meantime it will probably come back to you with a neat note of apology, telling you that your story is too good to print. We sent one eighteen years ago, and have been sending it to different magazines every year since. We started with the Century and may be able to land it in the Police Gazette in a decade or so from now, and then, again, we may not. Be not discouraged, fair one, the worst is yet to come.

**Hortense:**—It is not likely that the young man has forsaken you, just because he hasn't written to you since Tuesday. Maybe he hasn't got a stamp. Send him one or two occasionally. Don't be tightwad.

**Bob Fitz:**—You ask how much whiskey to put into a Bull Moose highball. Two horns, of course.

**Yes, We Could Live Without These.**  
 Old-fashioned mustard plasters.  
 Detachable cuffs.  
 Political conventions.  
 Bridge whist.  
 English comic papers.  
 Literary critics who can't write.  
 Hot mince pie.  
 Homemade shirts.  
 Sleeve elastic.  
 Friends who tell us things for our own good.

### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

**A Bar-Elected Bench.**  
 To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:  
 Sir—My attention has been called to an address delivered by the Hon. Hugh H. Brown, president of the Nevada State Bar Association, entitled "The Recall of Judges." In which that learned and able lawyer points out some of the dangers to be apprehended from the adoption of that, to my mind, most absurd of all political heresies—the Recall of Judges. The prime danger pointed out by Mr. Brown is that such a course would surely undermine and destroy the independence of the judiciary—a quality absolutely essential to the proper administration of justice and the protection of society.

At the conclusion of this very interesting and able address the speaker, in discussing the best method of selecting judges, makes the following very pertinent and striking observations: He says: "One may hesitate to suggest new

**Abbe Martin**



There's no eight-hour day for the liver. Miss Tawney Apple has lost her position back of the toilet counter at the Trade Palace on account of a greckle.

## THE CLERK WITH THE PULL.

By John T. McCutcheon.



"Great Scott, Jim, you're getting down late these days!"  
 "That's all right. I have a pull with the manager."



"Great Scott, Jim, you're not going to leave your work this early?"  
 "Sure. What's the use of being strong with the manager if you don't get some of the benefits?"



"Say, Jim, have you heard the news? We have a new manager."  
 "You don't say so. Here's where my map ends I guess."



The New Manager.  
 MORAL: No pull is any good without some push.

### QUERIES & ANSWERS

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Kindly give the address of the editor of the Literary Digest.  
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Creating the James on Rocks.

At what point near Richmond may the river be crossed on the rocks?  
 E. C. T.

When the water is very low, an active person may get over by picking his way along many routes just between Richmond and South Richmond.

**Postmasters and Civil Service.**

What postmasters and in what States are "under civil service"? What President made the order?  
 President Roosevelt placed "under civil service" the fourth class postmasters in all States north of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi.

**Population of Richmond.**

Please state for me the population of South Richmond and of Greater Richmond.  
 C. H. R.

10,875. 127,625.

**Clarifying Wine.**

Using one egg to about fourteen gallons, whip the white till light as possible, mix thoroughly with one gallon of the wine and stir the mixture into the whole, using a rod and incorporating as perfectly as possible. After five or six days the cake should be clear except for a little wine at the bottom, and this will, with standing, clear more and more till there is almost no loss. The use of the white of egg and the racking of the wine should take place in clear weather, and the cake should not be shaken during the period.

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**Lyonsburg Income.**

Please state for me the date of the issue of The Times-Dispatch carrying the tax list incomes for Lyonsburg, Va.  
 W. C. R.

August 25, 1912.

**Cotton Mill.**

Can you tell me when the first cotton mill was operated in the country?  
 J. M.

An Englishman named Robert built the first at Pawtucket, R. I.

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